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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Runge et al.

Serial No.: 09/832,069

Filed: April 10, 2001

For: Mitochondrial DNA Damage as a Predictor  
of Coronary Atherosclerotic Heart Disease

Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Goldberg, Jeanine Anne

Atty. Dkt. No.: CLFR:183US

**I. AMENDMENT; AND II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**DATED JUNE 3, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2004 for which the three-month date for response was September 3, 2004.

Applicants request that the amendments and responses filed on August 16, 2004 and September 13, 2004 be disregarded.

A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This extension will bring the due date to December 3, 2004, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this

paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R.  
§§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/CLFR:183US.

A **Listing of Claims** is provided at page 3 of this paper; **Remarks** begin at page 6.